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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert the following:

This application is a 371 application of PCT/JP00/03373 filed May 25, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 29, to page 2, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The main component forming the myelin sheath is myelin and, as a component to stabilize the multilayer structure of the myelin sheath, myelin specific proteins are known. Of these, proteolipid protein and P₀ protein are involved in crosslinking and adhesion between myelin membranes, and myelin basic protein (hereinafter to be referred to as MBP) is present in the cytoplasm of myelin sheath and involved in compaction of the sheath (Morell P. et al., in Basic Neurochemistry, Siegel GJ et al. Eds. Ravan Press, p. 117-143 (1994)). In addition, myelin-

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